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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 116 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/51/750 and Add.1 and A/51/848.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 70th meeting, on 6 June 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/51/SR.70).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A review of telecommunications and related technologies in the United Nations system" (A/50/686);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system (A/C.5/49/26 and A/C.5/49/CRP.5);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on telecommunications in the United Nations (A/C.5/51/46).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/51/L.76

4. At the 70th meeting, on 6 June, the Vice-Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Informatics in the United Nations" (A/C.5/51/L.76).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/51/L.76 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Informatics in the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A review of telecommunications and related technologies in the United Nations system";[2]

(b) Endorses the report of the Secretary-General on telecommunications in the United Nations.[3]

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[1] A/C.5/49/26 and A/C.5/49/CRP.5.

[2] A/50/686.

[3] A/C.5/51/46.